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¶1. (U) PolOff delivered the UN System of Internal Justice demarche to Deputy Director General Pekka Oinonen of the MFA's Legal Department and to Director Kai Sauer of the Unit for General Global Affairs on May 20.

¶2. (U) Oinonen stated that the GoF agrees with most of the points in the US non-paper, and that the EU and the US are generally on the same track. However, at the GA legal experts meetings in June and July, the GoF may raise concerns on legal security for employees; the number of judges in the UNDT; right of appeal based on material facts; and limitations placed on "conditions of employment" claims.

¶3. (U) Regarding "Transitional Arrangements", they do not support the transfer of existing cases into the new system. Existing cases should be resolved on the current system even if the tenure has to be extended, Oinonen said; the new system should accept only new cases.
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